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A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks for all the holiday cards...A new TV show is on AMC on Saturdays at 9 pm. It is called "**Remember WENN.**" It is set in Pittsburgh just before WWII. The show follows a small band of actors, technicians and producers who create dozens of magical moments for the listeners of radio station WENN. It is a light comedy that not only entertains, but also offers viewers an often informative behind-the-scenes look at life at the local radio stations of those bygone days.

MY NECROLOGY LOG has been updated and expanded. It contains Radio related personalities in alphabetical order, date of death and age at death. It also contains many musicians and movie actors who appeared on radio. It contains all information found up to Feb 1, 1996. It is about 10 pages longer (about 25 pages all together) with about 2500 names, about 1000 more than the last one. For those that bought the previous log, the cost is \$5 plus \$1 P & H. **For all others, the regular cost is \$10 plus \$1 P & H.** As far as I know, you will not find this information under one cover anywhere.

ULTIMATE HISTORY: Supplement #3 is now available. Cost is \$5 plus \$1.50 for P&H.

CONVENTION 1995: 20th Anniversary Mugs are available. They were on sale at the convention for \$5. Because of the P & H cost, we are lowering the cost to \$4 plus \$4 for postage and handling, a total of \$8.00 for each mug...Our 36-page Convention Booklet is available for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for P & H...Our Friends of OTR flashlight-key chains are \$1.00 plus \$1.00 P&H (Total of \$2).

CONVENTION 1996: Dates are October 17 - 19, 1996 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ...**The planning meeting** will be Feb. 4 at the Holiday Inn if anyone wants to come. Just let me know first.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Nostalgia Digest**, Dec - Jan; articles on George Burns; Film biographies; old-time radio in Cyberspace. Article contains much information about Lou Genco, Bill Pfeiffer and the OTR digest...**Illustrated Press**, Nov; articles on Green Hornet; This is Nora Drake; March of Time; Richard Diamond...Dec; articles on Science fiction on the Air; Arthur Godfrey; First Nighter; Green Hornet...Jan; articles on Science Fiction on the air (Continued); Romance of Helen Trent; Green Hornet...**Tape Squeal**, Nov - Dec (Indiana Recording Club)...**Tradition**, Nov - Dec (National Traditional Country Music Assoc.)...**OTR Newsletter**, Fall (Old-time Music on the Radio)...**Return With Us Now**, Dec; reprints of articles on 1936 and 1937...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles on Newark Convention (Thank you for the kind words); Casablanca; OTR for Computer People...**Chattanooga Airwaves** (contact Jim Adams, 823 Kay Cir., Chattanooga, TN 37421); article on The Popeye Fan Club...**RCA Bulletin**, Dec; article on open reel machines by Bob Burnham...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Dec; (Lum and Abner Society)...**RadioActive**; Nov; articles to those of interest in the "popular music and news" radio format...**Old-time Radio Gazette**, Nov - Dec; articles concerning what is happening now in new radio drama and a review of the 1995 Radio Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Chicago... **Daily Sentinel**, Jan - Feb; dedicated to George Burns...**OTR Digest**, Nov - Dec; articles about Carlton E. Morse; Bloopers...**NARA News**, Fall, 1995; interview with Gale Gordon in 1987; articles about Country Music on Radio; A reflection on the past, present and future of OTR by Bob Burnham; Name calling on Radio in WWII; Truth of Consequences...**Thrilling**

Days of Yesteryear, Jan – Feb; articles about The Breakfast Club; Maxene Andrews; Lowell Thomas...**The Cantor Connection**; Nov – Dec...**On The Air**, Jan – Feb; article on Lum and Abner Society

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 67 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800... **"Howard Keel,"** a Bio-Bibliography by Bruce R. Leiby, is the latest one published by Greenwood Publishing Group, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881 (203) 226-3571: Credit Card orders call 1-800-225-5800. As in the other 66 bio-bibliographies, this book covers all aspects of Keel's life including stage, film, radio and television, records, sheet music, concerts, etc., Each area is a special chapter and is covered in detail chronologically. Cost is \$65 for this 344-page book, published in October of this year...**"Same Time...Same Station"** by Ron Lackmann has just been published by Facts on File (1-800-322-8755) and costs \$45. The 370-page oversized book covers in alphabetical order all of the popular radio programs, many more obscure ones and brief profiles of many radio personalities. The radio shows start with years on the air, Network, Days and time. Then a synopsis of the show is given with main performers and theme song if known. There is a complete index and several appendixes including a chronology of radio events in the US and Canada; Radio show sponsors; Birth (and death) years of additional personalities not profiled; a list of OTR clubs, conventions, newsletters, museums; Stations that feature OTR shows; Complete logs of several prestige dramatic shows including Lux; Mercury Theater; MGM Musical Comedy Theater; MGM Theater of the Air; Screen Guild Players; Theater Guild. I well recommend this book...Just received **"Blast From the Past, A Pictorial History of Radio's First 75 Years."** It was just written by Eric Rhoads for Streamline Press. For a copy call 800-226-7857. Cost is \$39.99. It covers the development of radio from before 1920 through the present. Each decade is a chapter which starts with a narrative for several pages and then illustrates the decade with many pictures, all with information, many never seen before. This 460-page book is filled with information. In addition to the golden era of radio, there is much information, together with pictures, of radio from 1960 through 1995. It also has a fan directory which lists museums, publications and organizations, traders and dealers, log sources and other items plus a detailed index. This book is an excellent addition to your library...**"Radios by Hallicrafters"** by Chuck Dachis is the definitive book on The Hallicrafter Company and its products. It has over 200 pages, 600 photographs. It will be available in late March from Schiffer Publishing Ltd., 77 Lower Valley Rd., Atglen, PA 19310. No price has been mentioned yet. For more information, write Chuck at 4500 Russell Dr., Austin, TX (512) 443-5027.. **Meade Frierson III**, Box 130969, Birmingham, AL 35213 has just completely updated his book of many years ago, "Science Fiction on Radio: A Revised Look at 1950 – 1975." It will be available in April and will debut at the Cincinnati Convention. Cost is \$15 including P & H. Meade can be reached by email (afab@wwisp.com) or call (205) 967-3437.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: **Michael Sprague**, 9936 NE 197th St., Bothell, WA 98011 is beginning a "One Man's Family" Family. For those interested in this special interest club, send Michael \$12 for a charter membership or send for information to Michael or **Gary Polich**, 4611 NE 110th St., Seattle, WA 98125. Gary is co-organizer. Michael's phone number is 206 488-9518. Gary's is 206 365-7131...The next convention held by The **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS)** will be held at the Overlake Hospital Conference Center-Bellevue in Seattle, WA June 27 – 29. For information call 206-488 9518 (Michael Sprague.. **The New Orleans Radio Theater**, Box 24184, New Orleans, LA 70184 is alive and well. In addition to its local productions and broadcasting, it will soon go nationwide by way of audio books from Waxworks Radio Network in California...Don't forget **Cincinnati's 10th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention** April 12 – 13 at the Marriott Inn in Cincinnati. Special guests will be Fred Foy, Parley Baer, Peg Lynch, Barney Beck. For information call Bob Burchett at 606-282-0333.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started last issue. A complete list follows with their e-mail address. If your e-mail address is not listed, let me know what it is: .Bob Burnham (platecap@bbs.gatecom.com)...Randy Cox (cox@stolaf.edu)...Dale Dix (Baldix@aol.com).. Ed Drumm (snicker571@aol.com)..Matthew Mark Drew (matthew561@aol.com)...Lou Genco (lgenco@crl.com) Lou's Web site with much OTR information is (<http://www.crl.com/~lgenco/otr.html>)...Danny Goodwin (DG125@aol.com)...Steve Hiss (SAH@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu).. Evan Katz (my stepson) (ekatz@indiana.edu)...Tony Kekalso (vk8tk@ozemail.com.au)...Laura Lee (JackBenny@delphi.com)...Charles Laughlin (claughli@ccs.carleton.ca)...Steve Lewis (CT) (LEWIS@CCSUA.CTSTATEU.EDU)...Tom C. Miller (otrmiller@ships2.com)...Lee Maschmeyer (lee-maschmeyer@ucc.wayne.edu)...Barbara Odlin (bbo@halcyon.com)...Richard Odlin (bbo@nwlinc.com)...Ken Piletic (KENPILETIC@aol.com)...John Pellatt (jrp@sources.com)...John Rayburn (JRayb71827@aol.com)...Bruce Rosenburg (BR3D@aol.com)...Carolyn and Joel Senter (75050.411@compuserve.com)...Charlie Summers (lof@yrkpa.kias.com)...Bill Slankard (bill.slankard@ccs.org) or (CIS: 72722,3473)...Jim Widner (jwidner@otr.com) Jim has a web site: <http://www.otr.com>...Joe Webb (JWWmtf@aol.com)...Jordan Young (jyoung@mail.calypso.com)...Harlen Hinkley (HHinkley@PO9.IL50.MICRO.HONEYWELL.COM)...Valerie Hughes (AIC4Radio@aol.com)...Max Schmid (mschmid@escape.com)...Dave Siegel (bookhunpr@aol.com)...Mahlon Wagner (xwagner@maple.lemayne.edu)...Vince Damiano (VEEDEE@Pipeline.com.. Al Hubin (usmmmfzg@ibmmail.com)...Tom Kleinschmidt (tomkle@njcc.com)...Fritz Ritterspach (kfpr@aol.com)...Joseph Hickerson (my brother) (jhic@loc.gov)...Jim Parish (jrparish@pacifinet.net)...Michael Cervone (ad586@yfn.ysu.edc.)...Al Florin (ALFLOR@aol.com)...Marvin Bensman (bensman@msuvx2.memphis.edu)...Dennis Burns (dburns@broadcast.net)...Ron Staley (rstaley@netcom.com)...Steve Kelez (SteveK1425@aol.com...Andy Blatt (AndyBlatt@world.com) ...Suzanne Siegel (ssiegel@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu...Alan Chapman (103634,1321@compuserve.com).. Mitchell Weisberg (mweisbe@relay.nswc.navy.mil)...Tom Heathwood (HERITAGE 4@aol.com) If you want info about Heritage Radio Classics catalog and Heritage Radio Theater let Tom know by e-mail...Bill Bragg (Yesterday-USA Satellite Radio Network) (yusaoty@aol.com)...Meade Frierson III (afab@wwisp.com)...Thom Bray (septsev@aol.com)

LOGS: The **Quiet Please** log mentioned last issue should be ordered from Randy Eidemiller, 7700 Lampson #37, Garden Grove, CA 92641. It is \$10 plus \$3 for P & H.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Dave Siegel**, 419 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 has many new shows: 8 All American Sports Show (1953); 11 reels of All Star Parade of Bands from 1953 – 1959...23 American Adventure (1955)...2 reels of America Looks Abroad (1940)...4 reels of America United (1945)...4 reels of Author Meets the Critic (1945 – 1948)...Received Holiday supplement from **Vintage Broadcast (Andy Blatt)**, 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314 (1-800-418-1445). It has many Christmas shows plus Casebook of Gregory Hood; Big Jon and Sparkie; Chandu; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; Frances Langford... **Great American Radio (Gary and LaDonna Kramer)**, Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; latest supplement has Exploring Tomorrow, Frank Merriwell, My Favorite Husband, Weird Circle and much more...Received latest supplement from **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151. It includes assorted rare quiz and game shows, more restored Suspense, Life of Riley, Dennis Day...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442 has issued Supplement 83. It contains Book 71 of One Man's Family; FDR Fireside Chats and many other "books" of shows; usually 6 shows in a book.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Steve Hiss**, 13019 NW CR 235 Rt 6, Alachura, FL 32615..
David Michael, 1999 Broadway, Lowery Ste., Denver, CO 80202

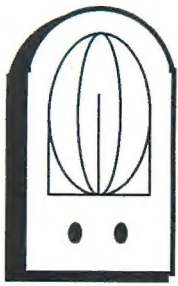
NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Mahlon Wagner**, 3720 Black Brand Dr., Liverpool, NY 13090...**Allen Hubin**, 3656 Midland Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110...**Don Brockway**, 18 Sills Ct., Centerport, NY 11721...**Dr. Marvin Bensman**, Dept. of Communication, Memphis, TN 38152. Marvin and I go back many years...**Dick Raymer**, 2481 Whistlers Park Rd., Roseburg, OR 97470...**Rick Thomas**, Box 624, Okemos, MI 48805...**Mike Welch**, 9822 West Morgan Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53228 is looking for boxing matches on radio...**William Darden**, 3628 Rainbow Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35405...**Pat McGee**, 8538 Caseba Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306...**Steven Rubin**, c/o Weissbarton, 12th Floor, 156 West 56th St., New York, NY 10019...**Sean Harris**, 683 State St., Portsmouth, NH 03801. Sean is very interested in The Shadow and The Whistler...**Stan Lucas**, Box 52, East Hampstead, NH 03826

OLD FRIENDS: **Bill Coombs**, 54-B Rich St., Waltham, MA 02154 still looking for Kraft Music Hall with Al Jolson and featuring Martha Raye...**Luther Sies**, 101 West 23 St., New York, NY 10011 wants to purchase the series called "That Other Generation" hosted by Rudy Vallee; then Henry Morgan. It was on in 1969...The correct address of **WRBH** which needs your financial support follows: Tim Green, WRBH Radio, 3606 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70115. This station does a lot of work for the blind and print handicapped. It also broadcasts the radio re-creations of the New Orleans Radio Theater...**Jim Blythe**, 941 Redding Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203 needs a copy of schematic for 901 and/or 907 Pioneer tape deck...**Al Hubin**, 3656 Midland Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110 has 25 reels of mostly Lone Ranger shows available for the best offer...**Buddy Thompson**, 6807 Pennywell Dr., Nashville, TN 37205 is looking for a copy of Orchestras of the Nation, 1/15/49 (NBC) from Nashville. Buddy played first clarinet in the orchestra...**Lars Schinnerling**, Westendstr.30, D-63225 Langen, Germany still looking for Your Hit Parade from 1941, 1942 or 1946 on cassettes. He has hundreds of music programs, primarily from the 40's to trade...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 sent a supplement awhile ago. For those who purchased reels, if you haven't received one, please send name. etc. Ed has lost his data base.

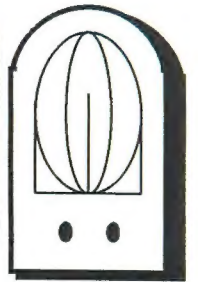
IN FOND MEMORY: **Joseph F. McCaffrey**, Dec. 1, 80; radio and TV journalist (Mutual and CBS)...**Katherine Locke** (wife of Norman Corwin), Sep 12, 85; Stage and film actress...**Gary Crosby**, Aug 24, 1995, 62; often on father's radio shows...**Wolfman Jack**, Jul 1, 57; Rock "n" roll disc jockey...**Alison Steele**, Sep 27, 58; one of the first female disc jockeys.. **Dean Martin**, Dec 25, 78; singer, actor; on radio with Jerry Lewis from 1949 through 1953...**Butterfly McQueen**, Dec 22, 84; actress (Danny Kaye, Beulah, Jack Benny)...**Chubby Wise**, Jan 6, 80; bluegrass fiddler on Grand Ole Opry.

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